

**City of San Diego  
Community Forest Advisory Board**

**MEETING MINUTES  
March 11, 2009  
City Administration Building**

1) **Convene:** Vicki Estrada, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

2) **Present:**

Members – Patrick Caughey, Fausto Palafox, Gail Roberts, Jon Becker, Karen Davis, Victoria Heithaus, Mary Johnson, Joe Jones, Tershia d’Elgin.

[Not Present] – Dan Simpson, Stephen Lamprides, Craig Jones,

Guests – Guy Pruess (Skyline/Paradise Hills CPG), Vince Mikulanis (Davey Resource Group)

City Staff – Drew Potocki, Velmo Watson, Tony Gangitano, Alissa Gabriel, Jeff Harkness

3) **Approval of February Minutes:** Minutes were approved [d’Elgin/Davis] but noticed to be incomplete after vote taken. Will be up for re-approval at next meeting.

4) **Chair’s Announcements:**

- a. C-3 Breakfast was a success. Presentation had many requests for repeat performances.
- b. CFAB agenda was sent to city community groups. Presentations requested by Linda Vista, Normal Heights, Old Town, and Peñasquitos.

5) **Discussion Item(s):**

- a. Update on Policy sub-committee meeting. Heithaus reported that the public should be notified of tree nominations. Policy wording/nomination form to be modified and must be available to the board prior to the final decision meeting. Sub-committee looked at other cities’ processes and procedures. Gangitano added that trees in parks are subject to different policies that trees on private property are. Community plan may add more protection.
- b. Mission Statement. Committee discussed possible options and discussed option #3 with minor changes. Final version will be presented at next meeting for vote.
- c. Urban Forest Street Division. Budget update from Potocki. Street Division typically funded by GasTax. In 2001 the budget was \$23M and in 2010 it is projected to be \$16M. Current budget does not show detail regarding tree maintenance. Mayor is looking for input on proposed budget.

6) **Action Item(s):**

- a. Arbor Day Gift. Request to use \$5,000 to plant trees during Arbor Day celebration. Lamprides questions tree palette for that area. Gangitano clarified which species are considered to be native for that region and Potocki agreed with the modifications. Caughey /Becker moved. Item approved with modifications.
- b. Grant Application Resolution. Potocki noted that currently, protected and historic trees are not inventoried. The City and Urban Corps applied for a \$45,000 grant to do this. Motion for the board to support the Urban Forestry effort to participate in the grant application and



subsequent follow-through. CFAB will be informed of the progress on a regular basis.  
Johnson/Heithaus. Approved.

7) **Reports:** Items not already on agenda

a. Staff Reports

- Drew Potocki, Street Division Urban Forester. 1) Working with Nancy Bragado to provide list of shovel-ready projects for stimulus dollars with the goal to increase the tree inventory. 2) Asked all to sign up for Arbor Day event 4/18 9am – 2pm.
- Michael Marika, Park & Recreation Dept. Arborist. Ficus Trees trimmed in Balboa Park. 26 fan palms 10' BTH donated to Ellen Browning Scripps Park.
- Velmo Watson, Code Compliance Officer – Retiring 4/18!!
- Tony Gangitano, Development Services Dept. Senior Planner. Finished going through all the City codes and regulations to locate information pertinent to CFAB interests.

b. Board Member Activities. Heithaus wants to generate CFAB interest in participating in Balboa Park's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.

8) **Referrals to Committees:** none

9) **Public Comment:** none

10) **Next Meeting:** Second Wednesday of the month, 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m., 1200 Third Avenue, Civic Center Plaza Building, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor

11) **Adjourned** at 1:15pm

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